

REMARKS

Examiner asserts that the application contains groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The groups are:

Group I – claims 1-14 and 27-49, drawn to an organic containment molecule sensor; and

Group II – claims 15-26, drawn to a method of monitoring the levels of trace organic containments.

Examiner asserts that the inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1, because common technical features recited in the groups are allegedly known in the art disclosed by US Patent No. 4,464,244 to Uchida et al. (hereinafter referred to as “Uchida”). Without admitting to the lack of inventive step for claims in both Groups I and II over Uchida, Applicant elects Group I including claims 1-14 and 27-49 as requested by Examiner. The election is made without traverse.

Applicant does not believe that any additional fee is due, but as a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to deposit account number 50-4244.

Should Examiner deem that any further clarification is desirable, Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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